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To: All CHD Directors
(Centers for Health Development I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII IX, X, XI, XII, NCR, CAR & CARAGA)

Subject: Customs Memorandum Circular No. 218-2000 dated 18 July 2002

Enclosed for information and guidance, is a copy of the Customs Memorandum Circular No. 218-2002 dated July 18, 2002 from the Deputy Commissioner Emma M. Rosqueta regarding Monitoring of Salt Importation.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is desired.

WILLIAM D. TORRES, Ph.D.
Director IV
July 18, 2002

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 218-2002

To: All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

Subject: Monitoring of Salt Importation

Attached is a letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture duly endorsed to the Commissioner of Customs by the Secretary of Finance, relative to the request of the DA for continued assistance in the monitoring of salt importation into the country, specifically inviting attention to the reiteration of instructions as contained in the BOC Memorandum Order dated August 21, 2000 as follows:

1. A BOC clearance is needed before imported salt could be released from the port;
2. Imported food grade salt is tested if iodized. For non-iodized food-grade salt, importers should be required to indicate plan for iodization. For imported industrial salt, importers should be required to indicate their clients for monitoring purposes.
3. Continue to assist DOH in monitoring salt that enters the country by providing quarterly report of entries, including names and addresses of importers and quantity of shipment.

For your information and guidance.

For the Commissioner:
(Per CMO 85-90)

EMMA M. ROQUETA
Deputy Commissioner
Internal Administration Group

cc. Commissioner of Customs
8 August 2002

HONORABLE MANUEL M. DAYRIT
Secretary of Health and
Member, NNC Governing Board
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila

Dear Secretary Dayrit:

Following the joint NNC Governing Board and Salt Iodization Advisory Board meeting held last 13 March 2002, Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor wrote Finance Secretary Isidro N. Camacho requesting for the assistance of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in monitoring salt importation as stipulated in Section 8 Rule VI of RA 8172 to ensure that only iodized salt gain entry into the country.

Attached, for the Secretary’s information and reference, is a copy of Customs Memorandum Circular No. 218-2002 dated 18 July 2002 and signed for the Commissioner by Deputy Commissioner for Internal Administration Group, Atty. Emma M. Rosqueta regarding the above concern. Per follow-up with the office of Atty. Rosqueta, the memorandum has been circularized in all ports nationwide.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ELSA M. BAYANI, CESO III
Executive Director

For the Commissioner
(Per CMO 85-99)

EMMA M. ROSQUETA
Deputy Commissioner
Internal Administration Group

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